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GENERAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS—UXO

Q1: Who/what contractors working with Huntsville Center are deployed to the U.S. CENTCOM area of operations?

A1: EOD Technology, Inc., Knoxville, Tenn., and USA Environmental, Tampa, Fla. Both companies were issued a delivery order under an existing contract in Huntsville for UXO services

Q2. Where exactly are they?

A2: Initially, Kuwait City for deployment in Iraq to support the Corps of Engineers' mission in the Operation Iraq Freedom area of operation. We are providing Ordnance and Explosives (OE) support services to the Corps of Engineers Southwest Division for Operation Enduring Freedom. Our in-house team consists of two UXO Safety Specialists, a Project Engineer and a Project Manager. We in turn have two OE companies under contract and deployed in country.

Q3: What will they be expected to do there?

A3: Q4 - Provide UXO support to CENTCOM. See Q-11 for more details.

Q4: How many people/contractors are being deployed?

A4: Q5 - Initially 58 contractor personnel, 5 HNC Corps civilians. There will be sufficient rotation of people to support the tempo of requirements.

Q5: Why are they deployed?/What is their specific expertise?

A5: They will provide ordnance and explosives expertise to CENTCOM. See Q-11 for more details.

Q6: Doesn't the Army already have that expertise?

A6: The Army has the necessary expertise; however, priority for those assets at the time this contract was awarded was combat operations. Civilian Corps support of this type allows the war fighter to focus on combat and peacekeeping operations.

Q7: Why are they needed at this time?

A7: They are needed to help provide a safe environment for all people in Iraq, so that the people there can return to normalcy as soon as possible; and to allow war fighters to focus on their primary mission.

Q8: How long will they be deployed/When will they return?

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A8: Contractual support will be revised as required, consistent with policy. Currently, our government personnel are on 180 day tours.

Q9: Can you arrange for us to meet with their family members?

A9: Participation in media interviews is at the discretion of the families. Contact the Huntsville Center public affairs office for more information at 256. 895.1690

Q10: What is the amount of the contract?

A10 - The current contract amount is \$3,450,000 for each contractor.

EOD Technology, Inc., Knoxville, TN DACA87-00-D-0037 Task Order 0028 - Award letter dated 27 March 2003 with a not to exceed amount of \$ 3,450,000. USA Environmental, Tampa, FL DACA87-00-D-0036, Task Order 0018 - Award letter dated 27 March 2003 with a not to exceed amount of \$ 3,450,000.

Q11: What is the scope of the contract?

A11: HNC's contractors are in Iraq to perform ordnance clearance, de-mining operations, booby trap clearances, site investigations, evaluations and responses, and related efforts in support of construction and rehabilitation work at selected work sites.

Q12: How were these contractors selected?

A12: EODT and USA were selected based on their past performance on similar activities for OCONUS sites and experience in theater.

Q13: Why weren't we allowed to bid on the contracts?

A13: "Unusual and Compelling Urgency", such as war conditions, allows the contracting agency to limit competition.

Q14: How many other contracts will be awarded?

A14: At this time, no additional requirements were identified by the customer.

Q15: Who can we talk to for more information about these events?

A15: Contact the HNC Public Affairs Office at 256. 895.1690. Visit our web site at www.hnd.usace.army.mil and look for "Media Kit" buttons for the latest releases, contact information and links to other resources.